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COMMUNITY AND THE DANISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT

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SUMMARY: SPEAKING AT A MEETING AT A MEETING OF THE RIVAL RADICAL PARTY,

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FOREIGN MINISTR K B ANDERSEN ADVOCATED DANISH MOVE-

MENT TOWARDEUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION, DENIGRATED THE IDEA OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY AND PLUGGED FOR RADICAL PARTICIPATION IN A NEW DANISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT.SOME OF THE RANK AND FILE OF BOTH THE RADICALS AND THE SOCAIL DEMOCRATS (SDP) REMAIN UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DANISH EC MEMBERSHIP, AND ANDERSEN'S REMARKS WILL BE REPEATED AND REINFORCED BY SDP LEADERS IN MONTHS TO COME. HIS CHARACTERIZATION OF EUOPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT AWKWARD BUT REFLECTS THE DANISH POSITION THAT NATO IS THE ONLY PROPER FORUM FOR SECURITY QUESTIONS. ALTHOUGH RADICAL PARTICIPATION IN A NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT WILL HELP SDP LEADERS TO KEEP THEIR OWN LEFT WING IN LINE, THIS MUST BE BALANCED AGAINST RADICAL ATTEMPTS TO WATER DOWN THE AGREEMENT AS A PRICE OF THEIR SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DANISH RADICALS INVITED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FOREIGN MINISTER K B ANDERSEN, AS ONE OF SEVERAL NON-RADICAL POLITICIANS, TO ADDRESS THEIR ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S MEETING HELD THIS YEAR ON JANUARY 4 AT NYBORG STRAND ON FYN. ANDERSEN'S REMARKS WERE WIDE-RANGING AND INCLUDED ELEMENTS REPORTED IN REFTEL FROM NEW YEAR'S STATEMENTS BY THE QUEEN AND THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, OTHER NOTABLE THEMES THE FONMIN FOCUSED ON INCLUDED:

A. EUOPEAN UNION. 1976 IS THE YEAR WHEN DENMARK MUST MAKE A DECISION ON EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION. "SOME FEEL OUR PARTICIPATION WOULD MEAN THE END OF DANISH INDEPENDENCE ...BUT IN FACT IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND. IN THE MODERN WORLD, MANY PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED ONLY BY COOPERATION ACROSS BORDERS. IF WE TURN TO NATIONALISM, WE SHALL LOSE ALL OUR INFLUENCE (WITH OUREUROPEAN PARTNERS).

3. COMMENT: SOME MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL PARTY AND THE SDP REMAIN UNENTHUSIASTIC OVER DANISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. FURTHERMORE, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS THEMSELVES, IN LEADING DENMARK INTO THE COMMUNITY IN 1972, HAD TO DOWNPLAY MOVEMENT TOWARDEUROPEAN POLITICAL INTEGRATION. DENMARK'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REMAIN A MANFIESTATION OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WARINESS.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, MOST SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS BELIEVE THAT CLOSE POLITICAL INTEGRATION IS NOT ONLY INEVITABLE BUT DESIRABLE. ANDERSEN, IN SPEAKING AT THE RADICAL MEEETING, UNDOUBTEDLY INTENDED TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO REPEAT WHAT THE DANES WILL HEAR WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT; I.E., A DENMARK MORE CLOSELY INTEGRATED POLITICALLY INTO EUROPE

IS AN ADVANTAGE TO THE DANES, NOT A LIABILITY. END COMMENT.

B. EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO THE FONMIN, AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE EC, DENMARK IS ALONE IN ITS POSITION ON THIS QUESTION. "WHENEVER I POSED THE QUESTION (IN BRUSSELS OF WHAT EXACTLY THEY MEANT BY A EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, I NEVER WAS ABLE TO GET A REPLY. IT IS (ONLY A ) LOFTY THEORY. AN EC DEFENSE CAN ONLY WHEAKEN THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN NATO AND ALL OF NATO."

5. COMMENT: ANDERSEN MAY HAVE FAILED TO REFINE SUFFICIENTLY HIS STATEMENTS RE EUROPEAN DEFENSE. THE DANES, HOWEVER, ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR POSITION THAT NATO IS THE ONLY APPROPRIATE FORUM IN WHICH TO CONSIDER DEFENSE AND SECURITY QUESTIONS. END COMMENT.

C. DEFENSE AGREEMENT. ANDERSEN SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT, TO REPLACE THE CURRENT, 1973-77, AGREEMENT, SHOULD INCLUDE THE RADICAL PARTY.

6. COMMENT: THE RADICALS ARE ONE OF FOUR PARTIES -- WHICH TOGETHER CONSTITUTE A SIZABLE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY -- TO THE PRESENT DEFENSE AGREEMENT. THE PARTICIPATION OF THE RADICALS IN A NEW AGREEMENT REMAINS PROBLEMATICAL BECAUSE OF RENEWED PACIFIST TENDENCIES IN THE PARTY. END COMMENT.

7 ANDERSEN SAID THAT DUE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO RADICAL VIEWS IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING A NEW AGREEMENT. RADICAL LEADER AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER HILMAR BAUNSGAARD ENDORSED ANDERSEN'S CALL FOR THE RADICALS TO JOIN IN A NEW DEFENSE COMPROMISE.

8 COMMENT: A NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE CONCLUDED EVEN WITHOUT THE RADICALS. ON THE OTHER HAND WITHOUT THEM, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS WILL HAVE MORE DIFFICULTY KEEPING THEIR OWN LEFT WING IN LINE. IN A JANUARY 6 EDITORIAL, BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) ASSERTED THAT THE RADICALS, MUCH REDUCED IN PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE 1973-77 AGREEMENT, ARE NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO MAKE SHARP DEMANDS AS A PRICE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. THE BERLINGSKE TIDENDE EDITORIALIST ALSO RIGHTLY NOTES THAT THE PRICE OF RADICAL PARTICIPATION HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A REDUCTION IN A LEVEL OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AS WELL AS THE LIBERALS AND OTHER PARTIES OF THE CENTER AND RIGHT FACE THE FOLLOWING DILEMMA AS THEY MOVE INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW AGREEMENT: THE

ADVANTAGES OF RADICAL PARTICIPATION AS A SOP TO THE SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATIC LEFT VERSUS AN EXPENDITURE CUTBACK WHICH THE  
RADICALS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY REQUEST IF THEY  
ARE TO COME ON BOARD.  
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